

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re the Application of:** Vining, et al.  
**Application No.** 09/856,683  
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SEGMENTATION AND LESION DETECTION  
**Examiner:** Roy, Baisakhi  
**Group Art Unit:** 3737

Commissioner for Patents

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants are submitting herewith a Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of this application, and after receipt of the first Official Action on the merits, but before receipt of a Final Official Action or an Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, the fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c) is enclosed. In the event the enclosed fee is in error, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit account no. 04-1406.

Applicants also direct the Examiner's attention to commonly owned, copending application no. 11/637,207 entitled "Method and System for Producing Interactive, Three-Dimensional renderings of Selected Body Organs having Hollow Lumens to Enable Simulated Movement Through the Lumen" of Vining, et al.

Applicants respectfully request full and proper consideration of the listed information during examination of the application, and that the listed information be printed on any patent that issues therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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